

AN ACT concerning safety.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Children's Environmental Health Officer Act.

Section 5. Children's Environmental Health Officer. Subject to specific appropriations for this purpose, the Illinois Department of Public Health shall create and maintain within the Office of Health Protection the Children's Environmental Health Officer. The Officer shall:

(1) serve as the chief advisor to the Director of Public Health on matters within the jurisdiction of the Department relating to environmental health and environmental protection concerning children;

(2) assist the boards, departments, and other offices within the Department in assessing the effectiveness of statutes, rules, and programs designed to protect children from environmental hazards;

(3) coordinate, within the Department and with other State agencies, especially the Environmental Protection Agency, regulatory efforts, research and data collection, and other programs and services that impact the environmental health of children, and coordinate with appropriate federal agencies conducting related regulatory efforts and research and data collection; and

(4) lead and coordinate these efforts among the various Department Offices and programs, as well as among other State agencies.

Section 10. Reports. On and after January 1, 2007, and biannually thereafter, the Children's Environmental Health Officer shall report to the General Assembly and the Governor

concerning his or her activities. The report shall include, but not be limited to, information on progress made by programs within the Department to address children's environmental health issues.